

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the action, claims 9 – 12 were allowed and claims 14 – 16 were indicated as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. § 101, and to include the limitations of the base claim.

In response, claims 1 – 8 and 14 have been cancelled. Claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of former claim 14, and to correct antecedent basis problems. Claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 13 and, further, to correct the language as required under 35 U.S.C. § 101. No substantive changes related to prior art have been made.

In response to the objections to the drawings and specification, corrections have been made as required in Section 2 of the action, and to correct the problems noted in section 1 of the specification.

In view of the amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and the Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance for claims 9 – 12, 13, and 15 – 16 be issued.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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